

**Amendment No. 1 to HB0024**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 18\***

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following language:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Citizen's Right to Fight Blight Act of 2017."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-405, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection to be appropriately designated:

(1) It shall not be considered criminal trespass under this section for an owner, lessee, or a person acting pursuant to the direction or express consent of an owner or lessee, of real property within the same county as, and situated immediately adjacent and adjoining to, unimproved city- or county-owned property to temporarily enter onto that specific unimproved city- or county-owned property for the sole purpose of removal of tall weeds and grass, underbrush, excessive debris, trash, litter, garbage, or any combination of the preceding elements, so as to prevent the infestation of rats or other harmful animals from the property and further endangering the health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of the city or county.

(2) A person who enters onto unimproved city- or county-owned property pursuant to this subsection assumes any and all risk of injury, damage, or loss of property that may occur.

(3) The city and county, the officers, employees, and agents of the city or county shall not be liable for any injury, damage, or loss of property whatsoever due to a

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person's removal of tall weeds and grass, underbrush, excessive debris, trash, litter, garbage, or any combination of the preceding elements, pursuant to this subsection.

(4) As used in this subsection, "unimproved city- or county-owned property" means unimproved vacant property in a city or county in which there are no structures of any kind whatsoever.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.